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INCORPORATING THEM, AND METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION

Examiner:

Carol M. Koslow

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- Letter to Examiner
- Copy of Notice of Allowance mailed January 31, 2005
- Copy of Part B Issue Fee Transmittal filed by Applicants on March 9, 2005
- Copy of postcard date stamped by USPTO acknowledging receipt of issue fee payment
- Copy of Notice Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.251 requesting copy of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 31, 2005
- Copy of Letter to Examiner on June 14, 2005 (supplying a copy of the Notice of Allowance mailed January 31, 2005)
- Return Receipt Postcard

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## **LETTER TO EXAMINER**

The Applicants have recently received a Corrected Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed November 16, 2005. The Corrected Notice indicates that a \$700.00 issue fee is now due.

It is believed that the Corrected Notice was mailed by the Patent Office in error, as an issue fee of \$1,400.00 was previously paid on March 9, 2005 (copy enclosed), in response to an earlier Notice of Allowance mailed January 31, 2005 (copy enclosed). (\$1,400.00 was paid instead of the \$700.00 previously due in the earlier Notice of Allowance, since the Applicants no longer claim small entity status, as indicated on the Part B - Fee Transmittal.) Additionally, in response to a Notice Under 37 C.F.R. §1.251 mailed May 16, 2005 (copy enclosed), in which the Patent Office indicated it had misplaced the Notice of Allowance dated January 31, 2005 and requested a copy of the Notice of Allowance from the Applicants, the Applicants filed a copy of the Notice of Allowance on June 14, 2005 (copy enclosed).

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Thus, in view of the fact that the issue fee has already been duly paid, Applicants respectfully request correction of the Corrected Notice of Allowance to indicate that no additional issue fees are now due. Applicants further respectfully request that the application be allowed to proceed to issue.

This letter is being filed after telephone conversations between Tani Chen and Examiner Koslow and (separately) SPRE Examiner Krynski on November 29, 2005. Both Examiners acknowledged that the Corrected Notice of Allowance was mailed in error, but indicated that a paper (i.e., this letter) should be filed in order to properly respond to the Corrected Notice of Allowance in view of the fact that the issue fee had already been paid. The Examiners further acknowledged that the Patent Office's records do indicate that the issue fee has already been paid and the case should be en route to issuance.

The Patent Office is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if there are any questions, or if more information is needed. There should be no fee due. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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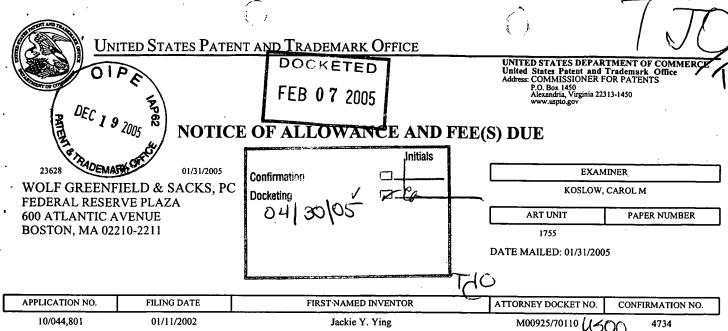
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TITLE OF INVENTION: NANOCRYSTALLINE APATITES AND COMPOSITES, PROSTHESIS INCORPORATING THEM, AND METHOD FOR THEIR PRODUCTION

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	YES	\$700	\$0	\$700	05/02/2005

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

## HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

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If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

#### **Commissioner for Patents**

In reponse to Ms. Chen phone calls to Ms. Koslow and Mr. Kryski about the Notice of Allowability which had a fonnt page mail date of 9/27/04, please ignore this communication. It was mailed out in error. The status of this case is counted by not mailed, thus applicants do not need to provide anything to the PTO at this time.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa Koslow whose telephone number is (571) 272-1371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell, can be reached at (571) 272-1362.

The fax number for all official communications is (703) 872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pairdirect uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

cmk January 21, 2005

> C. Melissa Koslow **Primary Examiner** Art Unit: 1755



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# Determination of Patent Term Extension or Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

A reissue patent is for "the unexpired part of the term of the original patent." See 35 U.S.C. 251. Accordingly, the above-identified reissue application is not eligible for Patent Term Extension or Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571) 272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.



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# NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.251 - Pending Application

The file on the cover sheet cannot be located after a reasonable search. Therefore, the Office is initiating the reconstruction of the file of the above-identified application pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.251.

Applicant is hereby requested to provide a copy of applicant's record (if any) of all of the correspondence between the Office and or en

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